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**REQUEST
FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
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Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	09/729,279
Filing Date	December 5, 2000
First Named Inventor	TAKESHI YAMAWAKI ET AL
Group Art Unit	2852
Examiner Name	Susan Shuk Yin Lee
Attorney Docket Number	03500.014978.

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. Previously submitted
- Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____ (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
 - Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
 - Other _____
- b. Enclosed
- Amendment/Reply
 - Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
 - Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
 - Other _____

2. Miscellaneous

- a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(o) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)

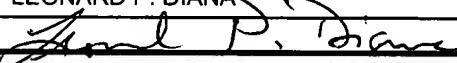
- b. Other _____

3. Fees

The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

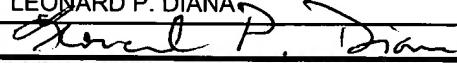
- a. The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies in the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 06-1205
- RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
 - Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
 - Other _____
- b. Check in the amount of \$ 770.00 is enclosed
- c. Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

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Signature		Date	OCTOBER 10, 2003

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Response Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
Group Art Unit 2852, Expedited Procedure

03500.014978.

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

TAKESHI YAMAWAKI ET AL.

Appln. No.: 09/729,279

Filed: December 5, 2000

For: OPTICAL SCANNING

APPARATUS, IMAGE FORMING

APPARATUS, AND METHODS

OF PERFORMING OPTICAL

SCANNING USING OPTICAL

SCANNING APPARATUS AND

IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS

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: Examiner: Susan Shuk Yin Lee

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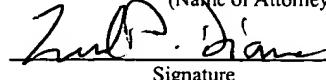
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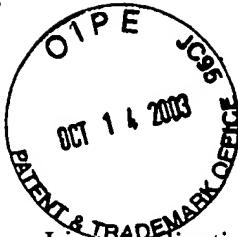
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(Name of Attorney for Applicants)


Signature

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In re Application of:

TAKESHI YAMAWAKI ET AL.

Appln. No.: 09/729,279

Filed: December 5, 2000

For: OPTICAL SCANNING APPARATUS, IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS, AND METHODS OF PERFORMING OPTICAL SCANNING USING OPTICAL SCANNING APPARATUS AND IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS

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TOTAL CLAIMS	* 105	MINUS	** 105	= 0	x \$9 \$18	\$0.00
INDEP. CLAIMS	* 4	MINUS	*** 5	= 0	x \$43 \$86	\$0.00
Fee for Multiple Dependent claims \$140°/\$280						\$0.00
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT---						\$0.00

Response After Final Action
Group Art Unit 2852, Expedited Procedure

Docket No. 03500.014978.

Examiner: Susan Shuk Yin Lee

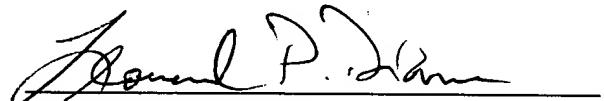
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- °Verified Statement claiming small entity status is enclosed, if not filed previously.
- A check in the amount of \$____ is enclosed.
- Charge \$____ to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- Any prior general authorization to charge an issue fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.18 to Deposit Account No. 06-1205 is hereby revoked. The Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required during the entire pendency of this application, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.
- A check in the amount of \$____ to cover the Extension fee for response with a ____-month extension is enclosed.
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- Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York Office by telephone at (212) 218-2100 or by facsimile at (212) 218-2200. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.



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